

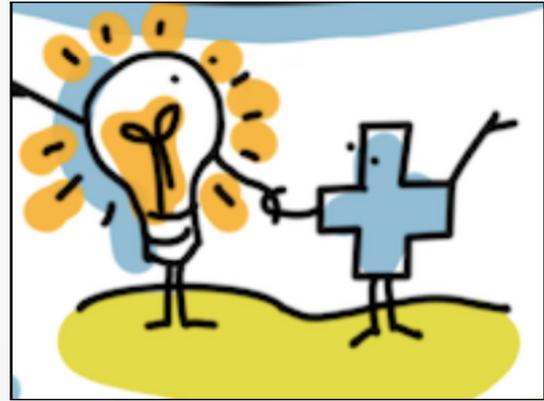
The Outpost

Disaster and Hazard Readiness in Action

Where We've Been and Where We're Going

Greetings!

We are now starting week six of nine weeks of Military Family Readiness Academy programming. We hope you have been enjoying our two-part Academy series focused on disaster and hazard readiness for military families. Following is a roadmap of where we've been and where we're heading with our professional development conversations around this very important topic.



We started our two-part series in Fall 2020 with our “Disaster and Hazard Readiness Foundations” series. These three sessions provided an overview of disaster and hazard management and response with an emphasis on the unique needs of military families. These sessions have been converted into [free courses](#), and [continuing education credits and certificates of completion](#) are available for all three sessions.

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Part two of the series began in February 2021 with the first of three “Asset-based Community Recovery Workshops.” These were interactive discussions focused on your personal and professional experiences during the pandemic thus far. All three workshops have now been completed, but if you were not able to attend a workshop, our [series capstone](#) will summarize all that was learned and shared.

Our workshop facilitators and graphic recording artist are diligently working away as I write to create a resource based on these workshops that will be available to all series participants. [Sherrill Knezel](#) did an excellent job capturing your comments in graphic format, and her artwork from the workshops is featured throughout this Outpost.





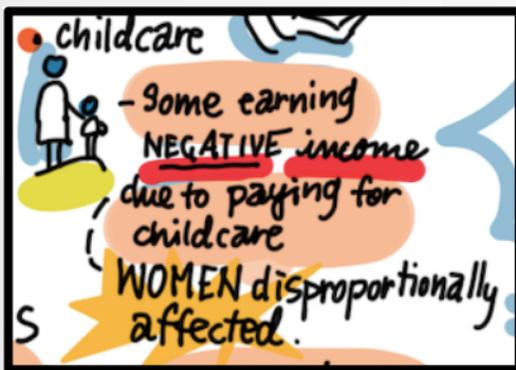
While part one sessions were broad in scope, our part two sessions likely appeal to providers working in distinct fields and requiring specific conversations. However, we encourage you to

participate in as many part two sessions as your schedule allows as these conversations can indeed be relevant and inspiring across disciplines.

Part two series sessions so far have included topics such as financial preparedness for disasters, food and nutrition during disasters and hazards, and disaster readiness during a pandemic. Each of these sessions offered continuing education credits from various



organizations. If you were unable to attend, you can still watch the recording of these sessions and also pursue your CE credits and/or certificates of completion.



Our Wednesday, March 10 session will focus on the unique needs of families and children during disasters and crises. Join us for this important panel discussion, and take the opportunity to earn free continuing education credits from EITP (early intervention), NCFR (family life educators), UT Austin (social work), and CCMC (case managers).

“Going beyond the Checklist in Emergency Preparedness” will take place Thursday, March 11. This will be an especially important discussion for service providers working with families caring for individuals with disabilities. Free continuing education credits will be available from CCMC (case managers), Board Certified Patient Advocates, and NCFR (family life educators).



On Wednesday, March 17, we will feature a panel discussion on Red Cross services with a special emphasis on military families and communities. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about coordinating support at the installation level during hazards and disasters! Continuing education credits are available for social workers (UT Austin), case managers (CCMC), Board Certified Patient Advocates, family life educators (NCFR), and early intervention specialists (EITP).

We have another panel discussion lined up for our [Wednesday, March 24 session](#) on lessons learned during the 2020 pandemic with regard to the early intervention and early childhood special



education fields. This is sure to be an informative discussion on addressing systemic changes to service provision during disasters and hazards. While the panel will be addressing the early intervention context, their conversation will inspire providers and problem-solvers working in any field. Continuing education credits will be available from EITP (early intervention specialists) and NCFR (family life educators).



We will conclude our 2021 series on Wednesday, March 31 with “Connecting with Communities in Asset-based Disaster Recovery.” This capstone session will focus on professional and personal resilience and recovery, and YOUR role in this

process as service providers and Cooperative Extension educators. Facilitators will talk about how to plan next steps in community recovery while meeting the needs of military families. Continuing education credits will be offered from UT Austin (social workers) and NCFR (family life educators).

Interested in additional MFLN programming related to our upcoming Academy sessions? The highlights below are just a few of the many supportive program offerings available from the [Military Families Learning Network](#).

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Notice experiences of awe, sonder, and beauty in everyday life.



More from the MFLN



Blog posts:

- [Children's Books about Disasters](#)
[Open Conversations and Understanding](#)
- [Adapting Programs and Services for New Military](#)
[Family Realities](#)
- [Promoting Successful Transitions for Military Families with Young Children](#)
- [Resource Discovery: Sesame Street in Communities](#)

Podcasts:

- [Collaboration: Breaking Down Silos and Building Networks to Support Military Families](#)
- [Supporting Teens During COVID-19 with Dr. Stephen Cozza and Sarah Steward](#)
- [Practicing Connection in a Complex World: Community Resilience](#)
- [Finding Resiliency When Life Seems Out of Control](#)

Webinars:

- [Resilience Series](#)